

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
December 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Roger Wills, Trinity Free Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: All members were present.

PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:

Mr. Hardaway said bid package have been received for the Merrillville Community Recreation Center and referred to Mr. Minchuk for a report. Mr. Minchuk said he and the professional staff have looked over Trade Package 2 and Trade Package 5. Mr. Minchuk said Trade Package 5 was the lowest bid we are going to accept Core's recommendation in awarding that contract to CNC Foundation.

Mr Pettit made a motion to approve the bid from Trade Package 5 and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a 4 -3 voice vote.

Mr. Minchuk said Trade Package 6 is for the Precast Concrete Walls/Panels for the building the lowest bid was from Dukane Precast, Inc. Mr. Minchuk said with recommendations for Core's Construction the bid will be awarded to Dukane Precast.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the bid from Trade Package 6 and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a 4 -3 voice vote.

Mr. Minchuk said Trade Package 7 Site Electric Rough-In which will be in the parking lot area but Sweeney Electric Company was the lowest bidder and with the recommendations we will award them the bid.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the bid from Trade Package 7 and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a 4 -3 voice vote.

Mr. Minchuk read the Letter from Town Engineering Administrator endorsing Core Construction's recommendations and awarding contracts for bid Trade Package 2.

Mr. Mincuk read the Letter from Town Professional Staff have reviewed the bids for Materials Testing work for the new Merrillville Community Center Project and we have accepted Core Construction's recommendation in awarding the contract to Advance Engineering Services.

Mr. Minchuk read the Letter from Town's Professional staff reviewed the bids for Survey and Layout work for the new Merrillville Community Center and accept Core's Construction recommendation in awarding the contract to the DVG Team.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the recommendation Letters coming from the Engineering Administrators for the award for Professional Services as recommended by Core Construction. Mrs. Barron seconds the motion. There was some discussion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher Approval for December 10, 2019. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of November 26, 2019. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a 7-0 voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Mrs. Barron had no reports.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Minchuk had no reports.

COUNCIL AFFAIRS:

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:

Mr. Pettit had no reports

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mrs. Uzelac had no reports.

PARKS & RECREATION:

Ms. LaMarca had no report but referred to Ms. Olrich. Ms. Olrich reported the 30 trees from the Little Kale River Basin have been planted per guidelines. Ms. Olrich submitted a payment order for the reimbursement to Mr. Dan Repay. The 30 trees will be located at Adam Benjamin Park, John A. Stefek Park, Pruzin Park. Ms. Olrich reported that playground equipment will be delivered December 11, 2019 from 65/35 split grant. Ms. Olrich reported the recreation center job descriptions will be available for approval. The Recreation Center general budget has been created. A preliminary salary proposal, comparative study, as well as a revenue projection for the next 10 years has been created as well for the recreation center. Ms. Olrich congratulated the Lions Club, Merrillville High School Band on a great job with the Santa Procession. Finally Ms. Olrich reported the Census 2020 meeting took place on December 10, 2019.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Mrs. Barron had no reports.

ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Mrs. Uzelac had no reports.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Mr. Pettit had no reports.

UTILITY LIAISON:

Mr. Spann had no reports.

ABANDONED PROPERTIES: President Hardaway had no report.

GENERAL ORDERS:

FIRST READING ORDINANCES:

Ord. 19-27(B):

An Ordinance Amending Town Ordinance 94-05 Entitled “An Ordinance Of The Town Of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, For The Establishment Of A Merrillville Town Court”, As It Pertains To The Closure Of The Merrillville Town Court And The Orderly Transition Of Cases And Repealing All Town Code Sections And Ordinances, Or Parts Thereof, In Conflict Herewith. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Minchuk. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-28:

An Ordinance of the Town Of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Amending Ordinance 19-26 In Specific Part, Of the Town Of Merrillville, Indiana for The Calendar Year 2020. Ms. LaMarca made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 6-1 roll call vote.

Ord. 19-29:

An Ordinance of the Town Of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, Fixing The Parks Non-Reverting Program Fees for The Year 2020. Establishing Fees for The 2020 Park Department Programming. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 7-0 roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 19-56

A Resolution of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within the CCD Fund. Mrs. Barron made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. LaMarca. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 19-57

A Resolution of The Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2019 budget within the Fire Territory Operating Fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mrs. Barron. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

BZA ACTIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Plan Commission Meeting December 17th at 6:30 pm

Board of Zoning and Appeals meeting December 18th at 6:30 pm

Town Hall closed December 24th & 25th except for emergency services

Town Council Meeting December 26th at 12:00 pm

Richard Hardaway, President

Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer